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REMARKS

Claims 1-31 are pending. Withdrawn claims 1-24 have been canceled by amendment herein as shown above. Claim 26 has been amended for clarity. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more continuing applications directed to the subject matter of the canceled claims at any time during the pendency of this application. Thus, claims 25-30 are pending and stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103.

The title has been amended as shown above to more accurately reflect the subject matter of the pending claims.

In view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks, Applicants request reconsideration of the application and withdrawal of the sole remaining rejection.

Request to Correct Inventorship Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(b)

This Request is filed in order to correct the inventorship of the above-identified patent application under 37 CFR §1.48(b) so as to eliminate the inventors who did not contribute to the currently pending claims.

The inventors of the currently pending claim are **John M. POLO, Catherine GREER** and **Thomas W. DUBENSKY Jr.** The following individuals, originally named as inventors, did not contribute to the subject matter of the pending claims:

Maria CALDERON-CACIA and Daniel DE LA VEGA Jr.

Thus, it is appropriate to remove these individual's names from the list of joint inventors on the application. A check to cover the \$130 fee is attached. Such action is respectfully solicited by way of this paper.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

All examined claims stand rejected as allegedly obvious over Dubensky. (Office Action, pages 2-3). In this regard, the Examiner requested that Applicants add the comments made by Dr. John Polo regarding Dubensky in the telephone interview conducted on May 15, 2003 to the written record. (Office Action, page 2).

Pursuant to the Examiner's request, Applicants detail herein the gist of Dr. Polo's statements. Dr. Polo is a co-inventor on both the pending application and cited Dubensky reference. During the telephone interview, he explained how Dubensky does not teach or